

NFL GAMEDAY

WEEK 15

CINCINNATI BENGALS @ CLEVELAND BROWNS

IT WAS BOUND TO BE OVER-ANALYZED WHATEVER THE RESULT. BUT SIMPLY PUT, FOR ONE GAME, THE BENGALS WERE GREAT, AND JOHNNY MANZIEL HAD A REALLY BAD DAY.

HOUSTON TEXANS @ INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

THE COLTS PURSUIT OF A CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT BEGAN AWKWARDLY.

AN INTERCEPTION BY KENDRICK LEWIS RESULTED IN THE FIRST SCORE OF THE GAME.

INDY REGAINED ITS FOOTING IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

UNTESTED TOM SAVAGE REPLACED THE INJURED RYAN FITZPATRICK AND WAS EASILY TAMED BY THE COLTS.

ANDREW LUCK DIDN'T HAVE ONE OF HIS BEST DAYS, BUT HE WAS BETTER THAN THE TEXANS DEFENSE.

LUCK'S TWO TOUCHDOWN PASSES PACED THE COLTS TO THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE AFC SOUTH TITLE.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS @ SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

IN THE NFL, THE EARLY BIRD DOES NOT GET THE WORM. TEAMS THAT RISE UP LATE IN THE SEASON DO.

IN THE FIRST HALF THE SEAHAWKS WERE HELD TO A FIELD GOAL BY A 49ER DEFENSE LED BY AHMAD BROOKS #55.

SAN FRANCISCO WAS PLAYING WITHOUT 5 STARTERS. 5 MORE WOULDN'T FINISH THE GAME. STILL, THEY LED 7 TO 3 BEHIND THE RUNNING OF CARLOS HYDE AND FRANK GORE.

GORE AND HYDE WERE BOTH OUT BY THE 3RD QUARTER. AGAINST THE NFL'S BEST SECONDARY, THE NINER RECEIVERS HAD DISAPPEARED TOO. COLIN KAEPERNICK SPENT THE REST OF THE GAME RUNNING FOR HIS LIFE.

KAEPERNICK WAS SACKED 6 TIMES AND SEATTLE SHUT OUT THE 49ERS IN THE FINAL 30 MINUTES.

GREAT TEAMS AREN'T GREAT ALL THE TIME. (PAUSE) THEY'RE GREAT WHEN THEN HAVE TO BE. IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON THE DEFENDING CHAMPIONS HAVE BEEN JUST THAT.

DALLAS COWBOYS @ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

FOR THE EAGLES, THE GAME STARTED OFF ALL WRONG.

DALLAS WOULD CAPITALIZE ON THE TURNOVER WITH A TOUCHDOWN—AND ON THEIR NEXT POSSESSION BEGAN DRIVING AGAIN.

THEY TARGETED A MISMATCH FOR A SECOND SCORE.

TRAILING 21-0, THE EAGLES RAISED THE LEVEL OF THEIR GAME, SCORING UNANSWERED POINTS.

BUT DALLAS RESPONDED BY MARCHING YARDS TO RETAKE THE LEAD—THEN RECEIVED A GIFT.

THE COWBOYS EXPLOITED THE MATCHUP OF DEZ BRYANT AND BRADLEY FLETCHER ON MORE TIME TO SEAL THE WIN.

MIAMI DOLPHINS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

FOR THE DOLPHINS TO FINALLY EMERGE FROM THE SHADOW OF THE PATRIOTS, THEY NEEDED EVERY BREAK THEY COULD GET.

THE CALL WAS REVERSED TO TOUCHDOWN, BUT NOTHING ELSE WAS. THE PATRIOTS DOMINANCE IN THE AFC EAST CONTINUED.

NEW ENGLAND GOT THEIR HANDS ON EVERYTHING.

EVEN TANNEHILL.// THE DOLPHINS LOST THEIR GRIP, AND SLIPPED EVEN FURTHER IN THE PLAYOFF RACE.

IN THE 2ND HALF, NEW ENGLAND OUTSCORED MIAMI 27-NOTHING.

DENVER BRONCOS @ SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

WITH A CHANCE TO CLINCH THE AFC WEST, DENVER QUARTERBACK PEYTON MANNING DID NOT LET SICKNESS OR A THIGH INJURY STOP HIM. THE CHARGERS, HOWEVER, WERE PRETTY EFFECTIVE, HOLDING THE BRONCOS OUT OF THE END ZONE IN THE FIRST HALF.

BACKUP QUARTERBACK BROCK OSWEILER RELIEVED MANNING AT THE END OF THE FIRST HALF. BRONCOS NATION WAS RELIEVED WHEN PEYTON RETURNED.

DENVER'S SECONDARY TOOK OVER IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, RECORDING TWO INTERCEPTIONS TO SEAL THE AFC WEST TITLE.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS @ ATLANTA FALCONS

SOMETHING WASN'T QUITE RIGHT IN THE GEORGIA DOME.... // THE VISITORS HAD PRACTICALLY MOVED IN.

THE GUESTS FELT SO AT HOME THEY WENT AND HUNG A STEEL CURTAIN.

TRYING NOT TO POKE A DRAGON CAN LEAVE YOU VULNERABLE TO OTHER DANGERS.

ATLANTA TRAILED THE ENTIRE GAME AND PUT 20 POINTS ON THE BOARD.

THE FALCONS TRIED TO MAKE A FINAL PUSH OF THEIR OWN...BUT WHEN PUSH CAME TO SHOVE, THE STEELERS UNLEASHED LEVEON BELL.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS @ BALTIMORE RAVENS

WITH THE AFC NORTH STILL UNDECIDED, BALTIMORE'S POST SEASON PLANS HAVE YET TO BE DETERMINED.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS @ CAROLINA PANTHERS

HE STILL EARNS ROOKIE WAGES, BUT AGAINST TAMPA BAY, PANTHERS WIDE RECEIVER KELVIN BENJAMIN CASHED IN AGAINST THE BUCS.

NEW YORK JETS @ TENNESSEE TITANS

NO SCRIPT....

WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ NEW YORK GIANTS

GIANTS' RECEIVER ODELL BECKHAM JR. CELEBRATED HIS TEAMMATE'S NEW ARRIVAL BY CATCHING 3 TOUCHDOWNS.

REPLACING AN INJURED COLT MCCOY, R.G. 3 LET THE PLAY OF THE GAME SLIP THROUGH HIS FINGERS.

OAKLAND RAIDERS @ KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

WHEN YOU SEE SOME THINGS AT A FOOTBALL GAME, YOU CAN'T HELP BUT LICK YOUR LIPS. LIKE WHEN YOUR RUNNING BACK IS UNCOVERED AND THERE'S NO SAFETY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FIELD.

AND NOBODY COULD CATCH ROOKIE DEANTHONY THOMAS.

BY SURRENDERING THREE TOUCHDOWNS IN UNDER THREE MINUTES THE RAIDERS JUST LOOKED LIKE WOLVES IN CHEAP CLOTHING.

GREEN BAY PACKERS @ BUFFALO BILLS

ANYONE COULD BE FORGIVEN FOR HAVING A BAD HAIR DAY IN DECEMBER, BUT A BAD PASSING DAY IS A WHOLE `NOTHER MATTER.

WHAT WAS THE MATTER WITH AARON RODGERS WAS ANYONE'S GUESS...

NO PLACE WAS SAFE FOR THE PACKERS, INCLUDING THE WORLD OF SPECIAL TEAMS

IF THE BILLS KEEP IT UP, THEY MIGHT FEEL THE WARM EMBRACE OF THE PLAYOFFS—JUST LIKE JIM KELLY'S BILLS USED TO.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS @ DETROIT LIONS

IT'S A LOT OF TEAMS MOST IMPORTANT IMPERATIVE: WIN ALL YOUR HOME GAMES. IT'S PRACTICALLY A GOLDEN RULE, SO WHEN THE VIKINGS SHOT OUT TO A TWO TOUCHDOWN LEAD.....

GOLDEN TATE TOOK MATTERS INTO HIS OWN HANDS....

FOLLOWING THE GOLDEN RULE IS MONEY, AND MIGHT JUST TAKE THE LIONS TO THE PLAYOFFS.

ARIZONA CARDINALS @ ST LOUIS RAMS

HARD TO FIGURE THE HARD KNOCK CARDINALS.

THEY PUT LOGIC ON ITS HEAD.

SOMEHOW THEY KEEP LOSING QUARTERBACKS BUT WINNING GAMES.

LAST WEEK IT WAS THE CATMAN WHO CARRIED THE DAY.

THE CARDINALS ARE FAR FROM DEAD, EVEN IF YOU COULDN'T PICK THEIR STARTING QUARTERBACK OUT OF A CROWD.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS @ CHICAGO BEARS

THE SAINTS ARE SAVVY. THEY KNOW IT'S THEIR PASSING GAME THAT POWERS THEM. THEY ALSO KNOW IF IT WORKS ONCE, IT JUST MIGHT WORK AGAIN.

THE SAINTS ARE NOW 6 AND 8. AND ATOP THE NFC SOUTH. THE BEARS? THEY'VE DROPPED 6 OF 8 AND LOOK READY TO BAG IT.